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TREASURER'S REPORT.

H. W. HADLEY, Treasurer of Goffstown, 1870, *Dr.*

Amount in my hands at time of settlement with Auditors,
March 1st, 1870,.....\$1,377 23

Received from Selectmen, money borrowed,	5,824 13
" of G. G. Philbrick,.....	11 60
" of Jesse Nichols, Col. for 1864	
and 1865,.....	109 67
" bank tax for 1867 and 1868,.....	94 72
" of County,.....	40 75
" from savings bank tax,.....	1,949 50
" from R. R. tax,.....	510 30
" " literary fund,.....	116 58
" " United States,.....	94 40
" of N. E. Morrill, insurance on	
town house,.....	18 75
" of P. C. Cheney & Co.,.....	29 50
" of A. W. Russell, note and int.	8 20
" for lot lumber,	1 72
" of J. N. Tuck, lot in cemetery,..	8 00
" from int. on school fund notes,..	53 00
" for use of town hall,.....	103 25
" from sales of furniture and money	
belonging to Rhodisa Haselton,	70 40
" of Chas. Mortgage, Col. for 1869,	957 65
" " " " 1870, 10,854 46	

\$22,233 81

<i>Cr.</i>	By state tax.....	3,270 00
	" county "	1,031 37
	" orders paid,.....	16,594 67

20,896 04

\$1,337 77

AUDITORS' REPORT.

Notes, and interest on same, due from town,	
March 1, 1871.....	\$33,899 45
<i>Less</i> , Amt. due from United States,.....	3,119 60
“ for bank tax,.....	210 00
“ “ David S. Carr’s note,...	285 88
Amt. of taxes due from R. Johnson,	
Col. for 1868,.....	372 78
Amt. due from Col., 1869,.....	147 37
“ “ “ “ 1870,.....	2,543 39
“ in hands of Treasurer,.....	1,337 27
“ due from school committee for	
use of hall,.....	44 00
“ due from County,.....	27 25
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	\$8,087 54

Indebtedness of town,.....	<u>\$25,811 91</u>
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We, the undersigned, have examined the books and accounts of the Selectmen and Treasurer, for the year ending March 2, 1871, and find them perfectly satisfactory.

ALFRED POOR,	}	<i>Auditors.</i>
DAVID S. FERSON,		
WILLIAM P. WARREN,		

SELECTMENS' REPORT.

Orders Drawn After Settling With Auditor, 1870.

C. W. Cheney, labor on highway,.....	\$2 00
Joseph Tirrell, labor.....	66 75
Hillsborough County Farm support, Phebe Worthley,	47 89
C. S. Chase, doctoring Mrs. Hardy,.....	13 75
C. F. Livingston, printing reports,.....	42 00
Hartshorn & Pike, stove,.....	10 00
F. F. Flint, services as town clerk,.....	25 00
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	\$207 39

Support of Poor.

S. Hiland's support of S. Hardy from Oct. 1, 1869, to April 1, 1870, at \$1.50 per week,.....	39 00
B. Saulpaugh, support of B. F. Manning, from Jan. 1, 1870, to Jan. 1, 1871, at \$2.00 per week,..	104 00
Gilbert Alexander, support of Mrs. Kittredge, from Feb. 12, 1870, to Feb. 12, 1871, at \$2.00 per week,	104 00
John L. Cheney, support of Susan Hardy, from April 1, 1870, to Jan. 1, 1871, at \$1.50 per week,..	52 50
N. E. Kimball, care and clothing for D. S. Merrill,...	60 00

S. W. Little, wood, butter, care and money lent R. Haselton,	\$51 31
C. Morgrage, flour, groceries, and provisions for R. Haselton,	50 61
C. S. Fisher, coffin and robe,.....	13 00
A. F. Carr, doctoring,.....	13 00
E. P. Roberts, digging grave,.....	3 00
A. Poor, wood delivered S. S. Colby,.....	11 00
“ “ Mrs. Harriman,.....	6 00
D. & J. S. Little, doctoring S. S. Colby,.....	10 50
Stephen Lawrence, house rent,.....	12 50
H. G. Tewksbury, “	8 00
E. R. Poor, groceries delivered S. S. Colby and Mrs. Harriman,	45 99
D. & J. S. Little, doctoring Mrs. Harriman's family, “ “ “ D. S. Merrill,.....	10 50 32 00

Highways and Bridges.

E. P. Sargent, labor on highway in 1869,.....	\$3 75
Frank Pierce, “ 1869,.....	19 00
F. B. Martin, “ 1868,.....	2 00
A. J. Phelps, “ 1869,.....	12 00
C. Stowell, “ 1870,.....	15 00
M. B. Jones, “ 1870,.....	88
J. A. Flanders, “ 1869 and 1870,.....	36 45
H. Blaisdell, 2d, “ 1870,.....	2 99
Wm. C. Gould, “ 1870,.....	5 25
C. H. Martin, “ 1870,.....	50
J. L. Taggart, “ 1869 and 1870,.....	7 00
E. C. Colby, “ 1870,.....	7 00
J. G. Peacock, “ 1870,.....	50
L. D. Hunkins, “ 1870,	6 00
J. J. Poor, “ 1870,.....	18 70
George Cox, “ 1870,.....	13 00
A. H. Annis, “ 1870,.....	2 11
A. R. Hopkins, “ 1870,.....	9 00

J. Small, labor on highway, 1870,.....	\$4 50
F. H. Phillips, " 1870,..... :	12 10
W. S. Kidder, " 1870,.....	5 74
A. Stevens, " 1869 and 1870,.....	7 90
A. Taggart, " 1870,.....	5 31
S. O. Aiken, " 1870,.....	11 33
J. J. Gilchrist, labor on bridge, 1870,.....	25 50
B. F. Simonds, " 1870,.....	59 00
J. Kidder, 3d, " 1870,.....	23 50
C. Kidder, " 1870,.....	65 50
H. S. Stevens, " 1870,.....	39 00
S. J. Merrill, " 1870,.....	62 00
D. L. Woodbury, labor on bridge and highway,.....	62 50
S. B. Gilchrist, "	43 00
S. Lawrence, "	19 62
David S. Ferson, labor on highway,.....	4 75
Geo. Warren, labor on highway, and lumber,.....	66 65
A. Poor, lumber for bridge,	150 00
E. Richards, 2d, plank for bridge, labor, on highway,...	17 18
G. W. Greer, labor on bridge,	25 00
S. Shaw, use of derrick on Henry bridge,	22 60
O. Gay, use of derrick on brook bridge,	12 50
S. E. Hills, labor on highway,	14 00
D. C. Rowell, "	6 55
R. Pattee, "	7 50
C. Miller, "	3 22
R. M. Shirley, "	3 01
John G. Dodge, " 1869,	33 30
A. Whitney, " 1870,	44 40
J. G. Roberts, labor on highway and bridge,	28 00
J. B. Hoyt, "	28 00
J. Ferson, "	70 75
T. C. Bowers, covering Dow bridge,	110 00
E. Whitney, labor on highway,	14 00
H. L. Flanders, "	21 95
E. L. Johonnett, "	2 00
J. S. Little, "	3 33
S. Kidder, "	5 85

D. Little, 2d, labor on highway,.....	\$16 53
F. Martin, "	23 55
L. Sargent, "	35 75
G. W. Towne, labor on bridge,.....	79 90
A. Poor, lumber for bridge and labor on highway,....	94 87
T. C. Bowers, lumber for bridge and labor on highway with three men,.....	243 00
J. McDougall, labor on highway,.....	9 52
A. W. Whipple, tarring shingles, and labor on highway,	37 78
C. B. Sargent, labor on highway,.....	6 85
J. Whitney, "	71 00
D. Little, "	5 50
B. Greer, lumber for bridge, and labor on highway...	628 00
R. Johnson, lumber, shingles, planks and pins for bridges,	328 90
John Greer, labor on bridge,.....	22 84
" " lumber and damage to wagon.....	40 06
L. Hadley, labor on highway,.....	42 67
Geo. L. Barrett, "	10 00
John Mahona, "	3 81
J. B. Gilmore, "	14 50
C. Spencer, "	16 90
E. W. Martin, "	7 58
T. C. Elliott. "	2 16
David Wells, "	11 42
T. Worthley, "	4 43
Benj. Dow, "	7 96
N. Stearns, "	2 58
D. M. Taggart, " overtax in 1865,.....	30 00
J. D. Aiken, "	6 33
W. H. Hart, "	83
J. Austin, "	42 02
J. Murphy, "	5 43
L. Robertson, "	23 06
James Pherson, "	10 46
D. Witherspoon, "	8 70
A. J. Hazen, "	12 18
S. Orr, "	34 10

J. A. Flanders, labor on highway,	\$11 77
J. B. Jones, "	7 44
T. R. Hoitt, "	4 00
S. Poor, "	2 51
Alvah Colby, "	16 25
J. Hadley, "	17 40
C. A. Hammond, "	4 00
E. P. Sargent, "	6 25
H. Richards, "	6 41
G. Plummer, man and 4 oxen on bridge and roads,...	96 87
J. Dunlap, labor on highway,	13 13
Leonard Kidder, "	5 46
J. B. Pattee, labor on highway, and interest on note,	59 91
N. Hadley, labor on highway,	6 30
D. S. Carr, "	21 51
Edwin S. Annis, "	3 00
D. Patterson, "	3 66
S. A. Richards, labor on highway in 1869—70	12 00
S. S. J. Tenney, "	6 00
J. M. & D. A. Parker, "	15 89
John Butterfield, "	20 00
J. Gilchrist, "	16 20
H. J. Tirrell, "	12 76
George M. Eaton, "	32 25
John P. Manning, "	7 42
Isaiah Richards, "	3 42
T. C. Bowers, "	4 00
S. M. Barnard, "	17 25
J. E. Junkins, "	21 51
H. Hoyt, lumber and plank for Parker bridge, and labor on highway,	88 95
I. W. Pennock, labor on highway	2 88
H. L. Flanders, "	2 00
Irad Poor, "	25 21
Eliphalet Jones, "	17 09
A. H. Annis, "	3 00
F. O. Colby, "	44 92
G. F. Farley, "	28 33

L. B. Greer, labor on highway.....	\$3 84
G. Moore, ".....	4 50
H. S. Merrill, ".....	4 00
E. P. Roberts, ".....	5 25
N. E. Kimball, ".....	11 63
W. S. Whipple, ".....	7 83
D. Plummer, " and bridge,.....	57 38
Cyrus George, ".....	6 96
C. Wyman, ".....	34 00
S. D. Johnson, ".....	38 50
A. Story, ".....	4 25
D. Shirley, ".....	49 63
E. C. Shirley, ".....	44 32
Jos. Tirrell, ".....	23 46
David Worthley, ".....	31 96
Hiram Tirrell, ".....	39 95
Wm. Shirley, ".....	6 65
George Emerson, ".....	3 75
F. H. Phillips, ".....	4 00
P. E. Hadley, 2d, " and plank.....	57 56
G. P. & W. Hadley, labor on highway,.....	35 00
Carr & Burpee, ".....	24 25
H. S. Hoitt, labor on highway.....	4 00
T. K. Jones, ".....	2 40
H. B. Wicom, ".....	5 90
V. B. Martin, ".....	24 45
D. G. Davis, ".....	6 79
John B. Lucian, ".....	7 00
C. Stowell, ".....	37 00
C. Morgrage, labor on highway and bridges,.....	87 00

Town-House Expenses for 1870.

Geo. Warren, labor on town-house in 1869,.....	\$100 07
Eliphalet Richards, ".....	297 50
" two stoves, and cash paid out,....	43 57
N. E. Morrill, insuring town-house,.....	150 00

E. G. Bowen, labor, steps for town-house,.....	9 00
H. C. Bemis, freight on steps,.....	1 20
Geo. H. Hoitt, labor, grading,.....	16 50
S. R. Fillebrown, labor, shoveling,.....	3 00
Oliver Gay, four stone steps.....	17 50
J. B. Hoitt, labor, building wall and grading around town-house,	48 35
John Ferson, labor on stone steps,.....	28 50
Benj. Saulpaugh, painting house,.....	49 14
“ seventy-two lbs. lead,.....	9 00
G. B. Moore, 300 lbs. lead, 17 gal. oil,.....	52 00
Geo. W. Towne, labor on steps,.....	26 00
John Mahona, labor, shoveling,.....	3 00
T. C. Bowers, building out-house and closet,.....	47 47
Kendall, Hadley, & Co., three blinds, and planing boards,	4 85
A. W. Russell, board of help on town-house,.....	29 59
A. Story, & Co., clapboards and nails,.....	4 95
D. and D. Gregg, lumber,.....	3 18
H. S. Merrill, labor,.....	2 00
C. Morgrage, labor on town-house,.....	30 50

Miscellaneous Expenses.

E. W. Cram, labor on highway and to Wilton,.....	4 00
A. F. Carr, medical attendance on paupers, ..	8 63
P. H. Pattee, use of watering-tub,.....	3 00
Kendall, Hadley & Co., windows for town-house,.....	5 30
C. B. Sargent, three sheep killed by dog,.....	10 00
A. Poor, services after settling with Auditors,.....	9 00
A. Hopkins, damage to wagon,.....	5 00
H. W. Hadley, town record book,.....	3 50
C. H. Pierce, labor on highway, and sheep killed by dogs,	14 00
A. F. Carr, certificates of births and deaths,.....	4 75
David Cross, services for 1869,.....	40 00

D. Little, doctoring paupers,.....	8 00
F. H. Philips, labor on highway, and services after settling with Auditors,	63 88
C. F. Livingston, printing receipts,.....	2 00
R. Johnson, land damage,.....	1 00
David Cross, services in Campton case,..	64 00
C. Mortgage, cash paid expenses to Bristol, Concord, Nashua, rev. stamps, stationery, 2 doors &c., for town-house,.....	36 43
John Peacock, land damage, and labor on highway,..	17 82
G. G. Bumpus, board Phebe Worthley,.....	37 29
Geo. A. Titus, board of help on bridge,.....	70 00
E. C. Colby, drawing derrick to Concord and Manchester, labor on bridge,.....	13 00
E. Johnson, use of watering trough, six years,.....	18 00
Concord railroad rubbing river bank,.....	51 25
R. Pattee, one and a half cords wood for town-house, ..	12 50
D. Pattee, land damage, labor on highway,.....	5 00
Jesse Carr, use watering-tub,.....	3 00
G. P. Henry, damage to land and fence,	2 43
J. M. Brown, moving S. S. Colby, and services in John Harriman case,.....	8 00
E. R. Poor, nails for bridge,.....	21 42
J. A. Harvey, damage to wagon,.....	26 00
John L. Whipple, "	3 00
A. McDougall, use of watering-tub,.....	3 00
G. B. Moore, nails for bridge, and goods to paupers,..	41 76
J. F. Day, drawing wood to R. Haselton,.....	3 00
H. J. Tirrell, use of watering-tub, board of paupers, ..	6 00
S. Upton, fees State <i>vs.</i> Harriman,.....	3 50
A. P. Jahonnett, making guide board,.....	4 60
Pike & Heald, two lamps for bridges,.....	14 25
State Reform School, board of Walter Jahonnett, and Clara Foote,.....	39 70
H. A. Waite, making lamp frame,.....	1 50
D. M. Poor, groceries to S. S. Colby,.....	3 10
S. Teel, money paid out, labor on highway, moving S. S. Colby, and keeping county paupers,.....	28 77

W. P. Warren, blacksmith work,.....	6 40
S. L. Gerould, blank certificates,.....	2 50
F. F. Flint, stationery and stamps, two years,.....	5 80
H. C. Bemis, oil and fixtures for town hall,.....	46 36
A. Poor, use of watering-tub,.....	3 00
Carr & Burpee, use of watering-tub, three years,.....	9 00
G. P. Henry, groceries for paupers,.....	1 95
G. B. Moore, board for paupers,.....	4 50
Moses Balch, school house money, and labor on highway,.....	42 00
Stephen Lawrence, witness fee,.....	1 37
E. C. Colby, services on Harriman case, and drawing wood,	7 58

Paid Notes of Town.

Geo. W. Towne, (of Weare), note and interest,.....	409 74
Abby H. Martin, "	1,218 51
E. R. and A. Poor, two notes and int. (owing to Geo. Poor),	1,219 15
E. R. Sargent, note and interest,	400 31
Calvin B. Sargent, "	104 60
David Hayes, note, (running to L. Stowell),.....	138 09
E. Richards, note and interest,.....	509 25
T. P. Webber, note, (running to John Butterfield),...	313 10
A. F. Carr, note and interest,	506 50
Jane B. Patterson, note and interest,.....	368 37
H. W. Hadley, on note,.....	300 00
Hannah G. Tewksbury, interest on note,.....	60 00
A. W. Burnham, "	49 44
Jane B. Patterson, "	16 54
Rhoda Richards, "	21 00
Lucinda L. Hadley, "	50 00
Geo. W. Parker, "	60 00
A. F. Carr, "	102 00
Sally Burnham, "	40 96

Thomas L. Poor, interest on note,	\$5 00
David Steele, "	127 21
Elizabeth A. Richards, "	21 00
Luther Hadley, "	60 00
A. F. Carr, "	30 00
Julia A. Little, "	202 52
Geo. W. Parker, "	168 75
Nathaniel Hadley, "	70 67
Lucy Hadley, "	87 07
Lucinda L. Hadley, "	10 67
S. W. Little, "	30 00
Jabez B. Pattee, "	126 00
Alfred Story, "	98 91
H. G. Tewksbury, "	12 00
Harriet Kidder, "	29 89
John Butterfield, "	10 67

Abatement of Taxes.

Dog tax,.....	1869 17 00
Hiram Tirrell, over tax,.....	1 69
Edwin Kidder, "	1 22
R. M. Shirley, "	5 08
John Steele, died.....	2 54
S. McDole, paid in Bedford,.....	2 54
Otis B. Lincoln, not in town in April,.....	2 54
J. Caldwell,	1 54
Harvey Brown.....	2 54
Levi Heath,.....	2 54
John Harriman,.....	2 54
E. J. Straw,.....	2 54
S. S. Colby,	2 54
Mary Allison,.....	3 38
D. T. Emery,.....	2 54
Daniel Campbell,.....	2 54
Elbridge Pettice,.....	2 54

H. S. Hoitt, over tax,.....	\$10 00
M. S. Merrill,	2 54
Edward W. Annis,.....	2 54
Geo. M. Story, paid full tax in Hopkinton,1870	3 20
Wm. P. Martin, paid in Weare,.....	3 20
Geo. R. Sargent, out west,.....	3 20
Geo. E. Gault, out of town,.....	3 84
E. J. Straw,.....	3 20
John Harriman,.....	3 20
A. J. Sanborn,.....	3 20
F. L. Drowne,.....	4 69
Wm. Dailey,.....	3 20
James Elliott, paid in Bow,	3 20
Charles Bradbury, paid in Hopkinton,.....	3 20
Geo. A. Gray, not in town in April,.....	3 20
B. H. Roberts,.....	3 20
Emerson Dunham,.....	3 20

School Money.

District No. 1, Wm. H. Hart, com	\$212 38
2, James Ferson, com.	56 42
3, J. D. Aiken, com.....	109 77
4, A. McDougall, “	74 57
5, Harvey Stevens, com.....	59 79
6, James S. Stevens, com.....	62 72
7, Timothy Worthley, “	97 20
8, George F. Putnam, “	78 94
9, Alfred Poor, “	169 72
10, Horace Hazen, “	127 79
11, George P. Hadley, “	130 52
12, J. C. McIntire, “	49 01
13, Hiel McClintock, “	212 46
13, “ “ “ for 1869,.....	129 58
15, A. D. Richards, “	31 59

Town Officers' Bills.

Charles Morgrave, selectman,.....	\$126 00
Samuel Teel, "	61 00
Sylvanus D. Johnson, "	31 00
Frank F. Flint, town clerk,.....	25 00
Henry W. Hadley, treasurer,	50 00
Charles Morgrave, collector,	133 97
Samuel L. Gerould, S. S. committee,.....	25 00
John S. Haradon, "	10 00
Watson W. Smith,	25 00
H. C. Bemis, care of town hall,.....	25 00

Notes held against the Town.

Naomi J. Warren, note and int. March 1, 1871,.....	\$157 29
Julia A. Little, "	1,080 30
Julia A. Little, "	1,011 00
Rhoda Richards,	368 78
Geo. W. Parker, (Mrs. Raymond's notes,).....	107 06
" "	1,339 86
" "	309 20
Sally Burnham, Dunbarton,.....	412 00
Albert Noyce, held by Geo. W. Parker,.....	757 50
A. F. Carr, held by Hannah Tewksbury,.....	1,056 33
Elizabeth A. Richards,	397 19
Geo. Warren, held by H. Tewksbury,.....	200 30
" " C. P. Sargent,.....	216 59
Warren Harriman,.....	506 95
Mrs. Abby Burnham, New Boston,.....	422 00
Mrs. Charles George,	367 42
Miss Lucinda L. Hadley,	1,538 45
"	328 77
Lucy Hadley,	427 96
"	273 39
Alfred Story, note and interest,	1,437 80
Chas. Morgrave,	588 83
"	267 65

Mrs. Mary Smith,.....	120 52
“.....	83 60
Mrs. Sally Parker,.....	660 00
“.....	206 46
“.....	110 01
Geo. W. Parker,.....	1,032 00
“.....	1,616 00
Mrs. Harriet Black,.....	109 18
David Steele,.....	1,734 00
“.....	101 06
Chas. George,.....	176 43
Nathaniel Hadley,.....	1,008 50
“.....	160 43
Calvin B. Sargent,.....	538 48
Cyrene B. Sargent,.....	323 08
Jabez B. Pattee,.....	101 60
“.....	2,026 00
Joseph B. Hoyt,.....	166 00
John Ferson,.....	268 97
“.....	181 73
Luther Hadley,.....	507 50
“.....	507 50
Artemus Whitney,.....	430 14
“.....	240 40
Silas W. Little,.....	506 25
Rebecca Burnham,.....	1,494 60
Thomas L. Poor,.....	79 72
Miss Sarah Harriman,.....	446 96
John Butterfield,.....	316 90
Eliphalet Richards,.....	360 15
Warren Harriman,.....	422 00
Mrs. Harriet Kidder,.....	2,797 91
James Barr,.....	779 97
H. W. Hadley,.....	714 00

CHARLES MORGRAGE, } *Selectmen*
SAMUEL TEEL, } *of*
SYLVANUS D. JOHNSON, } *Goffstown.*

SCHOOL REPORT.

Your Committee would respectfully submit the following report :

THE SCHOOL DISTRICTS.

These we find to be in a bad condition. In our judgment there are more districts than is for the profit of the schools. In consequence of the number, many of the schools are very brief, and the scholars are so few there can be no healthy competition. The dilapidated condition of some of our school houses, is, doubtless, owing to the fact that the districts are so small, the inhabitants do not feel able to repair or build anew. There can be no question that the union of the two districts in each village, would be greatly for the benefit of these schools. No. 14, (Worthley district), should be united to No. 4, (Kennedy Hill), or No. 5, (Mast Road), or be divided between them. No. 12, (Paige Hill), should be divided between Nos. 9, 10, and 13. No. 15 should be united to Nos. 5 and 9. There would remain but ten districts, and these would have larger schools, which would more than compensate for the longer distance some would have to travel.

THE SCHOOL HOUSES.

Many of these are notoriously unfit for the purposes for which they are used. The two in the West Village are a disgrace to the town. Their unfitness is recognized, and would doubtless be remedied only for the hope that the district will be united, and a new union house be erected. The one in No. 2, (Mountain), needs new seats. The one in No. 4, (Kennedy Hill), needs to be

thoroughly repaired inside and outside. The house in No. 14, (Worthley's), is *still standing*, but is fast returning to its original elements. Many of the others need repairs, new furniture, and facilities for ventilation. The black-boards are insufficient in nearly *all* the school houses. The inhabitants of No. 10, (Pattee Hill), are to be commended for the interest they have taken in their school house. It is next to impossible to have a good school in a poor house. And it must be remembered that what would have served the purpose fifty years ago, is entirely insufficient in these days. We have introduced into our private dwellings many things of which our grandfathers were ignorant, but which we feel we could not do without, while some of our school houses and furniture have been changed but little. A poor school house, illy furnished, is a continual source of discouragement to teacher and pupils. But give them a good, convenient house, thoroughly and comfortably furnished, and you will be astonished at the good results that will follow.

PRUDENTIAL COMMITTEE.

We cannot forbear urging great care in the selection of Prudential Committees. In some districts it is the custom to go around among the voters by turn, and by this means persons are often called to this office who are entirely unfit for it. We exercise great care in the choice of our financial agents; shall we be less careful in selecting school agents, on whom so much depend for having good schools? Only those should be appointed to this office who are interested in the schools, and who are willing to exert themselves, and sacrifice something, if need be, in securing good teachers.

SCHOOL BOOKS.

The following text books having been recommended and introduced into the schools, are the ones, it would naturally be supposed, that would be found in use :

READING, Hillard's Series, introduced 1869.	
SPELLING, Progressive, Town & Holbrook's, introduced 1869	
WRITING, Payson, Dunton & Scribner's	" 1870
ARITHMETIC, Robinson's,	" 1866
GEOGRAPHY, Guyot's,	" 1868
GRAMMAR, Quackenbos'.	
HISTORY.	

But there is a sad lack of uniformity. Two series of readers, two spelling books, three or four series of arithmetics, two or three of geography, and two of grammar, are found. Knowing the dislike of getting new books, we have refrained from insisting on uniformity, though we are convinced that it has been to the disadvantage of the schools. We should not be willing to repeat the experiment another year. We do not so much desire to introduce new books, as to establish a uniformity. The loss that is occasioned by the want of this cannot be estimated, and as parents are now protected by law from frequent changes, whenever a new book is introduced it should be adopted at once.

READING AND WRITING.

These two important branches have been sadly neglected. The fault lies partly between teachers, pupils, and parents. In regard to reading, the scholars are anxious to make an appearance of advancement, and so ask their parents to get a reader that is above their capacity. The parent is ambitious, and is pleased to have his child advance, and so without thinking he complies. The teacher, finding the scholar has the new book, or that he has used it for a term or two, does not like to put him back, lest it discourage him, and so he is suffered to remain and graduate a poor reader. This is a difficult matter to meet directly, but in some way it should be met. In regard to *writing*, teachers are often in fault in not giving time enough to the exercise, and scholars are in fault in

not being willing to drill a sufficient length of time on first principles. Your Committee, feeling that a uniform series of Writing Books, with prepared copies, was needed, have introduced Payson, Dunton & Scribner's system, which had previously been used to some extent in part of the schools.

SCHOOL REGISTERS.

The Prudential Committee should bear in mind that they have no right to pay a teacher till a certificate has been produced that the register has been properly filled out and returned to the Superintending Committee. If this is remembered it will be likely to facilitate their more prompt return.

THE HIGH SCHOOL.

Though not coming legitimately under our notice, it may not be improper to state that an effort was made last season to establish a high school in the west village. The school has been in session two terms, under the charge of Mr. S. H. Waters, a graduate of one of the Normal Schools of Vermont. About \$200 was subscribed by the citizens for furniture. It is hoped that the school will not be permitted to run down. It is greatly needed. It is a question worth considering if it would not be well for the districts in and around the west village, to form themselves, as they are authorized by law to do, into a high school district. This would make the school free to poor and rich. Other scholars could be then admitted on payment of tuition. No doubt the establishment of such a school for three terms in the year, would attract many families to the place, besides preventing some from leaving, who will go unless better facilities for education are provided.

DISTRICT No. 1. Village, South.

THE SUMMER TERM was taught by Miss Carrie R. Carr, with her usual good success. This was her third term in this district. She has the happy faculty of winning the respect of her scholars, and so governs them by love rather than by the rod.

Mr. A. F. Newton taught the Winter Term. He was evidently the right man in the right place. For earnestness, determination, patient industry amid great discouragements, and conscientious fidelity to his work, his equal we have seldom found. He kept a good school, and a very marked improvement was manifest at its close.

DISTRICT No. 2. Mountain.

THE SUMMER AND WINTER TERMS were taught by Miss Sarah A. Paige, who had previously had the school one term.. She sustained a fair examination, and from the appearance of the school when first visited, it was hoped that it would be profitable. She was conscientiously faithful and pains-taking, and if trying would have made a good school, she would have had one. There were certain difficulties that occurred near the close of the winter term, for which she was not directly responsible.

DISTRICT No. 3. Shirley Hill.

THE SUMMER TERM was under the care of Rev. J. S. Haradan, who leaves the following report: "Taught by Miss Alice J. Bowers. By care and assiduous attention she dispelled the fears at first entertained of her success, and the school, at its close, made a favorable impression upon the most, if not all present."

THE WINTER TERM was taught by Miss Julina Rowe. We hoped from the appearance of the school at its opening to find a better one at its close. The teacher evidently tried to do her best, and her want of success was not owing to any want of interest. The school was not unprofitable, but not as much was accomplished as was desirable.

DISTRICT No. 4. Kennedy Hill.

"THE SUMMER TERM" (under charge of Mr. Haradan, who says) "was taught by Miss N. AMANDA WYMAN, who knows how to conquer success, and does it."

MISS JENNIE E. HART taught the winter term,—her second in this district. She is one of our very best teachers, and had an excellent school. The order was perfect, when visited, and the evidence of thoroughness exceedingly gratifying. Remarkable care and consequent improvement in writing was observed.

DISTRICT No. 5. Mast Road.

SUMMER TERM.—MISS ELLA J. BUTLER, Teacher. If her earnest and faithful efforts had been appreciated, she might have been more successful.

WINTER TERM.—MISS N. AMANDA WYMAN, Teacher. This well-known and experienced instructor deserves much credit for her faithful and successful efforts. The member of the committee under whose supervision the school was placed, was especially pleased to see so many spectators present at its close. Citizens! watch young schools. Your interested gaze shall be as sunshine on fruitful soil.

DISTRICT No. 6. Centre, South.

SUMMER TERM.—MISS CELESTIA A. RIDER, Teacher. She was an experienced teacher, and her school gave good satisfaction both to the committee and parents.

WINTER TERM.—MISS SARAH A. PAIGE, Teacher. A small but orderly school. The committee's attention was especially called here, as in other schools, to the importance of good reading, and the impossibility of making good readers by listlessly traveling from the first to the highest Readers, without any well-directed effort at training the vocal organs. Scholars ought to be reminded that there is more credit in putting *life* into a piece in the first Reader, than in murdering a piece in the fifth.

DISTRICT No. 7. East.

MISS GEORGIA F. AUSTIN, taught the summer term. The school prospered well under the administration of Miss A. She well says in her report, "such a school is most certainly deserving a better location, and a more convenient school house." The committee was pleased to see that this teacher appreciated and applied the benefits of calisthenics to her pupils; the exercises for the chest and arms which he saw her give the school were for the brain as well; for enlarged lungs and purified blood mean stronger mental powers as well as stronger muscles. *Miss* can no longer be applied to Mrs. Martin's name, except to say, our schools will *miss* Georgia F. Austin.

MR. S. J. HASTINGS, Teacher, Winter Term. This young man, a sophomore of Dartmouth College, had never taught before this term, and lacked some of those qualities that can come only by experience. However, the school was by no means a failure in his hands. Intelligence and affability bore their legitimate fruits, though energy was a little below par.

DISTRICT No. 8. Tebbetts Hill.

SUMMER TERM.—MISS HATTIE BLAISDELL, Teacher, who carried the school through a pleasant term. Intelligent, kind and impartial, she well deserved the "many pleasing attentions" which she speaks of having received from her pupils and their parents.

WINTER TERM.—MISS HATTIE L. HART, Teacher. The term was not so pleasant nor successful as might have been wished. The teacher, though intelligent and well-meaning, did not carry so firm a hand as is necessary to the best success. She should have reported more fully and seasonably the case of the older scholars who made trouble. This school house needs repairing.

DISTRICT No. 9. Centre, North.

SUMMER TERM.—MISS S. LIZZIE PICKERING, Teacher. Whilst a fair degree of success attended each department of her labor, she excelled in government. Perhaps she erred on the side of strictness,—not so bad a fault when discipline tends so much to laxity in some places. Parents, it belongs to you to *demand* of teachers such government as shall ensure at least a *respectable* improvement of their opportunities on the part of your children.

WINTER TERM.—MR. ALVIN HADLEY, Teacher. Mr. Hadley has had a success worthy of his excellent reputation, in conducting the school this term. Nothing has occurred to mar the pleasure of teacher or pupils, except the little frictions which *necessarily* attend the passage up the rugged hill of science.

DISTRICT No. 10. Pattee Hill.

The SUMMER TERM was taught by MISS ABBIE A. PEASLEE. She had had but little previous experience in teaching, but she bids fair to become a very successful instructor. The examination showed that the scholars had been very thoroughly drilled in first principles.

MR. GEORGE PATTEE taught the Winter school,—his first school, but he succeeded so well that he has no occasion to make it his last. Thoroughness and good order were manifest on both occasions of our visit.

DISTRICT No. 11. Parker's.

MISS ANNA A. BLANCHARD taught the summer term. She met with fair success, having a good school, but a little more enthusiasm on her part would have made it better.

The WINTER TERM was taught by MR. GEO. P. HADLEY,—his third term in this district. We can speak of his school in superlative terms. A very marked improvement was manifest in some of the classes, while all showed progress.

Both teachers complain of the want of black-board room, while the teacher of the winter term, in his report, "suggests to some in the district that they send their children to school more regularly.

DISTRICT No. 12. Paige Hill.

Only one term,—in the Winter,—MISS MARTHA BUTTERFIELD, Teacher. A very small school, well kept. The excellent teacher is well known to be capable of conducting successfully our largest schools, but kindly consented to take this little handful of scholars, and do her best for them. Had all the scholars striven as hard to do well for themselves, as the teacher did for them, they would have made a still better show on examination day. But as it was, some of them showed the marks of an uncommonly good drill.

DISTRICT No. 13. Village, North.

Both terms were taught by MISS SARAH B. HADLEY. Her previous reputation as a teacher has been fully sustained. With one of the worst of school-houses, a large school, many small scholars, a lack of uniformity in text-books, and other difficulties to contend with, she has nevertheless succeeded admirably. She accomplished so much only by *hard work*. The district was wise in securing her for the second term. It is better to continue a first-class teacher, term after term, even at considerable additional expense, than constantly to change.

DISTRICT No. 14. Worthley's.

There has been no school here during the year, on account, it is understood, of the condition of the school-house. As suggested in another place, this district which has but a very few scholars, should be united with one or two others.

DISTRICT No. 15. Dow's.

Only one month of school,—in the fall, on account of the illness of the teacher. There is a very small number of pupils in this district, which ought to be united to others. The school-house came near being burned down, during the term, and if the villain flames had succeeded in their enterprise, the town would not have lost its *choicest* treasure.

The register for this school has not been returned.

SAMUEL L. GEROULD,	} <i>School</i> <i>Committee.</i>
WATSON W. SMITH,	

TEACHERS.		No. of weeks of School.	Wages per month.	Whole No. Scholars.	No. attend'g Spelling.	No. attend'g Writing.	No. attend'g Arith.	No. attend'g Gram.	No. attend'g Geog. & Phys.	No. attend'g Comp.	No. attend'g Algebra.	No. at g other studies.	No. in dist. bet'n 4-14 not attending school.	No. in dist. bet'n 14-21 cannot read and write.	Tardinesses.	Dismissals.	Not absent one-half day	Visits of Supr. Com.	Visits of Prind. Com.	Visits of Citizens.	Average am't. expend. on each scholar.	Am't of money appro- priated for the year.
Number of District.	Summer or Winter.																					
1	Summer.	Miss CARRIE R. CARR.	\$34 50	46	46	20	26	19	20	4	2		8		144	107	..	2	2	12	\$1 30	\$112 38
2	Winter.	Mr. A. F. NEWTON	60 00	42	42	33	33	14	12		3		8		217	21	4	2	2	26	2 85	56 42
2	Summer.	Miss SARAH A. PAIGE.	77 00	9	9	4	1	1	1	1	1	1	1		35	4	5	2	2	20	4 33	
3	Winter.	Miss SARAH A. PAIGE.	26 00	10	10	10	10	5	7	2	1	2	1		16	1	2	2	4	5 60		
3	Summer.	Miss ALICE J. BOWERS	20 22	00	13	10	10	8	6	1	1	1	1		15	14	5	3	11	4 23	109 77	
4	Winter.	Miss JULIA A. ROWE	28 00	13	15	15	9	13	2	2	2	2	2		10	4	3	1	7	4 20		
4	Summer.	Miss N. AMANDA WYMAN	24 00	9	9	9	7	8	2	5	3	2	2		18	2	3	4	1	3 40	74 57	
5	Winter.	Miss JENNIE E. HART.	28 00	11	11	11	9	9	1	8	2	2	3		14	1	4	3	4	4 37		
5	Summer.	Miss ELLA J. BUTLER.	20 00	23	23	21	6	19	9	7	1	1	3		25	2	3	1	3	3 00	59 79	
6	Winter.	Miss N. AMANDA WYMAN	22 00	23	23	21	6	19	9	7	1	1	3		21	4	3	3	12	3 00	63 72	
6	Summer.	Miss CELESTIA A. RIDER	22 00	11	11	11	8	9	3	10		1			11	2	6	2	5	2 50		
7	Winter.	Miss SARAH A. PAIGE.	22 00	16	16	16	11	14	4	10		1	2		10	2	2	5	2 50		97 20	
7	Summer.	Miss GEORGIA F. AUSTIN	24 00	28	25	25	14	16	6	10	4		3		5	5	6	3	40	2 15		
8	Winter.	Mr. S. J. HASTINGS.	40 00	28	26	26	13	25	10	16		1	3		34	..	6	3	14	3 20		
8	Summer.	Miss HATTIE BLAISDELL.	22 00	18	18	18	6	14	3	4	4		3		9	5	7	2	1	1 30	78 94	
8	Winter.	Miss HATTIE L. HART.	24 00	21	21	21	6	15	3	9	6		1		29	4	22	4	2	2 28		
9	Summer.	Miss S. LUZZIE PICKERING	24 00	37	37	37	23	20	7	10	6		1		43	8	10	4	12	1 50	169 72	
9	Winter.	Mr. ALVIN HADLEY.	47 00	48	48	41	46	14	24	2	2	2	6		46	35	16	4	12	3 20	127 79	
10	Summer.	Miss ABBIE A. PEASLEE.	18 00	19	19	8	11	23	3	2	1	1	..		52	7	2	2	22	2 00		
11	Winter.	Mr. GEORGE PATTEE.	24 00	21	21	13	18	3	8	1			..		95	6	6	2	2	258	3 14	
11	Summer.	Miss ANNA A. BLANCHARD.	20 20	20	20	16	15	16	5	9	5	4	5		85	7	4	3	12	3 60	131 52	
11	Winter.	Mr. GEORGE P. HADLEY, 2d.	41 00	20	20	20	5	16	7	5	5	9	5		34	5	7	2	12	4 10		
12	Winter.	Miss MARTHA BUTTERFIELD	22 26	00	7	7	4	6	4				2		15	4	3	12	11	10	41 01	
12	Summer.	Miss SARAH B. HADLEY	36 00	43	43	25	30	20	15		1		7		89	29	2	3	131	2 23	212 58	
13	Winter.	Miss SARAH B. HADLEY.	42 00	45	48	48	20	34	12	8	2		8		50	30	2	2	30	2 50		
14	Winter.	No school.																			55 20	
15	Winter.	No report.																			31 53	



